



Sunday 14th May 2017 @ 3pm – South Parish Centre, Rutland Street, Cork City

Welcomed: By the Southern Area Committee Meeting (SASC) Chairperson, Jamie B

Readings: The concepts were read by Carmel C

Last Month's Minutes: Yes

Apologies:

Attendance List: Stephen B (SASC Secretary), Timmy O C (SASC Events Chair), Tasha F (SASC PR Chair), Dermot M (SASC Phone Chair), Carmel C (SASC Outreach Chair), Geraldine C (SASC Vice Chair/ GSR), Annmarie H (GSR), Jamie B (SASC Chairperson), John E (SASC Convention Chair), Luca F (GSR), Eoin O (member), Mark W (member), John F (GSR), Caroline (GSR), Enda H (member), Caroline (GSR)

Elections this month:

Current Southern Area Guidelines are available:

SASC Treasurer

SOUTHERN AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**Treasurers Report:****Donations Received by NA Groups**

Killarney	€20
Cahir	€100
Clonmel Group	€100
Churchfield	€20
Waterford	€18
Eason's Hill	€20
Strength and Hope Group	€80
Total Group Donations:	€ 358

Expenses Paid Out to Sub Committees

Vice-Chairpersons travel exp.	€20
H&I Expenses	€110
Convention Chair travel exp.	€30
PR	€45
Phone Line exp.	€20
Total Expenses:	€ 225

The balance brought forward from May 12th is €133 (€358-€225)

- The closing balance from May was €133. The PR reserve was still owed €91.50 which has been deposited into the bank account. As such, the PR reserve is now replenished and our final closing balance for May is €41.50 (€133-€91.50)

Literature Report:

Chairperson: Ciaran H

Vice-chairperson: Dan F

Ciaran sent his apologies for not being able to attend this month's meeting of Southern Area.

Area Service Representative (ASR) Report:

Chairperson: Dara L

Vice-chairperson: Karl T

Dara L sent his apologies about being unable to attend this month's meeting of Southern Area. He will attend the next meeting of Region on the 28th May.

Report from Region - 26th March 2017

Present – Maurice OC (Chairperson) Denise OC (Secretary) Elizabeth (Treas.) Brian M (ISO Treas.) Dara (S-ASR) Karl (S-ASR alt.) Andy R (E-ASR) Matthew (N-ASR) Maria C (W-ASR alt) Grainne H (RD) Mick B (Member) Sinead (Member)

Apologies – Tor C., Colum E., Tony D. and Vernon S.

Minutes – Approved. Proposed (ISO Treas/2nd (S-ASR).

Area Attendance/Quorum – 4 ASRs present plus enough steering committee.

Elections – None

Please note that the next meeting at Region is the AGM which means all positions are available to any member who meets criteria and is willing to serve.

AOB carried over from last meeting – No other business

North – Report read and emailed. **Contribution €111.55. Request for an H&I meeting in the north due to lack of H&I chair at region it was suggested to contact Eastern area coordinator. Not a lot of support from GSR's at the area.**

South – Read and emailed in. Discussion arising from report. There are clearance issues at the prison in Cork. Looking for guidance from H&I. No H&I currently in position at Region. Also the question about salaries of the WSO. Looking for honest answer about salaries and a breakdown of how money is spent at World.

East – Report given. Contribution €240. The meeting chairperson called for the serenity prayer and the meeting was ended abruptly due to lack of atmosphere of recovery.

West – Read and emailed. Marie is filling in for Vernon. Donation €80. Discussion arising from report. Once again guidance was requested from region on child protection matter. Area felt no stance is unacceptable from region.

Our autonomy principle is that each group handles these matters on a case by case basis. (Tradition 4)

Suggestions:

- making meeting open so parent or guardian can attend meeting.
- that members not be alone with a young member who attends a meeting. Safety in numbers for both the young member and experienced members.

EVENTS Report- Read (by s-ASR) and emailed. The 4 March event was a huge success. Estimated 70 members in attendance and €400 raised. Proposal that a €500 float be given to any events held by region. Events chair proposed E-ASR seconded. Provisionally approved.

ISO Report – no report. Looking for Chair and Vice Chair.

ISO Treasurer's Report - Read and to be emailed in. Still looking for Vice Treasurer.

RD Report (Regional Delegate) – Read and emailed in. Request made by RD that everyone read the reports email form in order to reduce paper copies that we send in email to everyone. Secretary to email each report to all members. RD proposed S-AR- seconded.

***Agenda item in March** - Time still needed to discuss 'Zonal Forum'. Wants to explain issues of zonal representation – implications for all not just us in Europe.

Literature Report – Read (by E-ASR) and emailed in. Consent of areas: SA- approved quorum, WA- approved quorum (still awaiting guidelines), NA-approved quorum no opinion, EA-taking it back to EA next month. Looking for 8 most popular slogans? WA-bringing it back to the groups.

Local Translation Committee Keytags in Irish are being produced.

Convention '17 - Read and emailed in. We have 10 members willing to do service many positions filled. Contract signed and confirmed at the Clayton Whites Hotel for November 17th to November 19th 2017. Prices are 60/per night/per person sharing B&B 85/night for single room B&B, 147.50 for 2 night and a dinner/per person B&B 167.50/per person sharing/dinner B&B, 197 single w/dinner B&B. Site visit was successful.

Convention '17 Treasurer's Report None

IRSC Treasurer will have the float ready in the account for the next convention meeting.

IRSC Calendar – This is available on the website, we need to reference it as it has reminders, such as when to put out a call for the next convention chair/treasurer.

PR Report – No report. Position Vacant

(EASR, was PR before, is currently checking the emails regularly)

H & I Report – No Report. Position Vacant

Parents and Carers Report – No Report. Position Vacant

Secretary's Report – No Report.

Archive - No progress currently.

Please please email in your reports.

NB. All reports to be emailed nairelandreports@gmail.com one week before the next region. Annual reports also needed for AGM.

Treasurer's Report Emailed and read. Opening Balance 4,240.79

Closing Balance 2,764.17

Contributions A/C info -

ASRs please share this at Area.

A way to express your gratitude?

In 2015 the Irish Region opened a contributions account. It is available for any member to make direct contributions to the fellowship. One off payments or standing orders are both possible. Payments can also be made using PayPal.

Account details –Sort Code **93-10-47**Account number **80336317**BIC **AIBKIE2D**IBAN **IE25AIBK93104780336317**Paypal email - regppregion@gmail.com

(When using PayPal to make a contribution if you select ‘**family & friends**’ as the recipient then there will be no fees deducted from your contribution by PayPal)

7th Tradition

“Every N.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.” Our policy is clearly stated: "We decline outside contributions. Our fellowship is completely self-supporting. We accept no funding, endowments, loans and or gifts. Everything has it's price regardless of intent. Whether the price is money, promises, concessions, special recognition, endorsements or u. It is too high for us. Even if those who would help us could guarantee no strings, we still would not accept their aid. (Narcotics Anonymous Basic Text page 68) It is in this respect that we ask non-members not to donate.

Carried over for the agenda at the next Region –

1. Discussion re NA and legal issues (as per Lit. Report).
2. AGM/Quorum/Guidelines – ratification N?/S?.
3. AGM Agenda/Region Meeting Agenda – ratification N?/E?/S?/W?
4. **ASRs to bring this to Area for discussion/suggestions**

Carried over from past meetings -**Next Meeting AGM 28 May 2017****Response from Region regarding questions from Southern Area****Question:**

In the financial statement for 2015 there is a figure of \$2,839,345 for salaries, wages and payroll taxes. It's broken down into 4 areas: literature production and distribution \$993,771, WSC support \$610,459, FD \$908,590 and Events \$326,525. The question asked was "what are the individual salaries of people?" They don't need to be named, but in the spirit of openness and transparency, individual salary numbers are requested to dispel rumour and speculation.

Response:

The Narcotics Anonymous World Service Office (NAWS) employs 60 people (our special workers) in five locations to carry out the will of the fellowship in accordance with our Traditions and as decided

by the participating regions at the World Service Conference (WSC). As with any regional service office, NAWS has a business aspect, which happens when we sell products and employ staff. Many regional service offices also employ special workers, for example the UK RSO has two special workers. We have the task of running a business in a spiritual programme. Also, like any other organisation we have to comply with the law of the land. The law of the land means the following:

Individual staff contracts and salaries are a private matter, and individuals have no obligation to disclose them and their employers are legally obliged not to disclose them without their consent. What we do have an obligation to do is produce detailed audited accounts and an annual report. These audited accounts, as required, break salaries into departments, not individuals.

However, in accordance with the requirements of United States (US) law, the top five salaries of any organisation in the US are a matter of public record. These are laid out in a document called a 990 and anyone can contact the United States internal revenue service (IRS) and request copies of these documents, available on line. However, the figures you will see not only reflect the salary an employee receives, they give the lump sum of all insurances, contributions, retirement, and myriad of other monies that are not received by the employee. For example, the salary of our executive director, published in this document, far exceeds his actual pay.

How salaries are calculated is on a like for like basis with comparable workers. An entry level staff in our distribution centre will receive a comparable wage to an entry level staff in a distribution centre of a similar organisation in the locality. Our executive director, who has been employed by NAWS for 30 years, receives a comparable salary to a director of a similar organisation in the locality who has been employed for 30 years.

These salaries were set in 1996 after an extensive research and salary review was carried out by the then Board of Trustees and was agreed by our fellowship. Our budget, including the cost of salaries for the two-year conference cycle is agreed by all of the NA Regions represented at our biennial world service conference.

As our 8th tradition says we may employ special workers directly responsible to those they serve. A single point of accountability is needed to ensure this direct responsibility is adhered to, and this service is carried out by the World Board (WB). We are 14 members elected by the delegates from 122 regions at the world service conference. One of our many tasks is to oversee the work of NAWS and its staff on behalf of the fellowship. We are entrusted to have both the best interests of the fellowship and our primary purpose in mind, while also having a duty of care and decent working conditions for our special workers.

One of the reasons that we do not publish financial information by branch but only for NA World Services, is it would be easy to figure out the salary of the two staff members at WSO Europe for instance, if we published this breakdown, and that is in violation of their individual privacy rights. The information in the Annual Report covers the expenses and income for the branch offices in the US, Belgium, and Iran and the literature distribution sites in Canada and India.

For 2016 salaries were 42% of net income, which is 5% less than it was 5 years ago. Similar organizations range between 30-53% of operating income for staff salaries - on the lower side for straight literature publishers and higher side for service providers. Our fellowship is a hybrid of both literature publishing, production and distribution, and service provision, and at 42%, we are well within what is the average of the salary costs for an organization of our size and find and keep such highly competent and hardworking employees as those we have. Many of our members may not realise that we are also a business that has an annual net income of about \$8,000,000 and produces and ships literature in 53 languages to over 130 countries, over 980,000 books of various titles last year. And while we also function as a business, we never lose sight of our mission and purpose.

For decades, this issue of wages and misinformation, correct information taken out of context, gossip and mistrust has created division. At one time we discussed these things face to face. Facebook and other social media have made this explode and unfortunately people seem to give themselves the right to behave in the virtual world in an way which is in opposition to the maintenance of our common welfare as set out in our 1st tradition.

We of course, have a right to ask about salaries – but surely it is equally as important to ask what people actually do for their salaries. If you would like this information, it is easily available. Read the Guide to World Services, subscribe to NAWS NEWS, read our annual report and our audited accounts. These are all available at www.na.org.

Our founding members had a vision of a world where no addict seeking recovery need die, and where everyone could experience recovery in their language and culture. That vision is becoming a reality today. There can be no doubt that the services being carried by our special workers around the globe are vital to the accomplishment of that vision. These services include fellowship development, new meeting support, inmate supports, public relations, literature distribution, translations, new literature development, workgroups, worldwide workshops, producing NA Way and Reaching Out, and answering thousands of emails from addicts around the globe seeking support. NAWS with the WB organise our world convention and our world service conference. The world service conference is where we decide on matters that affect NA as a whole, and it is due to this connection and communication we share at the conference that NA has stayed NA for 60 years. If you walk into a meeting in New York or New Delhi, you will hear the same message, the same recovery language in every language, see the same literature, have the same types of business meetings, and issues, and get the same hug. This is because WE have traditions and concepts that keep our fellowship alive and free. WE operate by group conscience. WE decide on matters that effect on NA as a whole. WE decide on fellowship approved literature. WE decide how the proceeds of literature sales, merchandise sales, and events are spent at local and international level.

The conscience of the Irish Region is carried by our Regional Delegate and alternate, twice a year at our Zonal Forum, the European Delegates meeting, and every two years at our world service conference. The ultimate authority lies with the groups, and every member of NA has the right to have their voice heard. When we apply our Traditions and good will, our common welfare comes first. We don't have to agree with everything we do at every level of service. But having correct information, and using our service system to influence change if you feel change is needed, is in line with our common welfare.

I hope people understand that there is no attempt to hide anything from our membership. However, we have to comply with the law of the land, and we do so at every turn. The WB serves the fellowship and follows the direction given to us at the WSC. Any motion can be made to change the way we do things if people are not happy – through group conscience and in a respectful way.

I hope this information has been helpful. I am happy to answer any question I can – but not through Facebook! You can also email worldboard@na.org and your queries will be addressed to the best of our ability.

In service,

Irene C., World Board of Narcotics Anonymous

IRSC LITERATURE REPORT

26/3/17

Firstly my apologies I thought I was working last weekend but I was wrong and therefore am unable to attend today.

Local literature

I was really happy to receive such a great response from the committee for the samples I carried to the January meeting. I await feedback from the ASRs from this meeting for which slogans (number 3. Below) the fellowship prefers. Numbers 1 and 2 below I imagine are acceptable but do we need to consult the fellowship before we go consider printing any of them? So far I only have a quote from

one printer for all the options.

1. The Steps/Traditions/Concepts reduced in size as not all venues can accommodate the existing large posters.
2. The Serenity Prayer/JFT/3rd Step Prayer/Gratitude posters all reduced in size to A4, again to accommodate smaller venues. These can be produced to hang or as standing cards.
3. Slogan cards – These can be A5 or A4. It may also be possible to make a poster with multiple slogans on the one sheet.

Here is the first quote –

Image and Design.

These are our prices for the card stands and posters for IRSC of NA:

500 A5 stands, printed on 350gsm silk-gloss card, creased and cut: €205 +VAT

1,000 A5 stands, printed on 350gsm silk-gloss card, creased and cut: €360 +VAT

2,000 A5 stands, printed on 350gsm silk-gloss card, creased and cut: €630 +VAT

500 A4 stands, printed on 350gsm silk-gloss card, creased and cut: €340 +VAT

1,000 A4 stands, printed on 350gsm silk-gloss card, creased and cut: €595 +VAT

2,000 A4 stands, printed on 350gsm silk-gloss card, creased and cut: €1,045 +VAT

500 A3 posters, printed on either 170gsm silk or 160gsm cream paper: €120 +VAT

1,000 A3 posters, printed on either 170gsm silk or 160gsm cream paper: €210 +VAT

2,000 A3 posters, printed on either 170gsm silk or 160gsm cream paper: €370 +VAT

We can look at small numbers if the cost seems prohibitive once the other quotes are in.

Convention Guidelines –

I have been in contact with the Chair of the Southern Area Convention, we are going to liaise after the convention as they don't have any SACNA guidelines. He is going share his findings with me in case there is anything to save for inclusion in the Regional Convention Guidelines. The SACNA intend to build their own guidelines with ours forming the base.

Agendas –

Draft AGM agenda and standing agenda document standing agenda are ready for inclusion in the IRSC Guidelines subject to approval/ratification. Any answers from ASR's?

I have continued working on material for our members. Information on typical meeting formats for new meetings. I am working on a further preamble variations.

I have not had time to work up the draft document – 'security and legal issues at NA events' but I will endeavour to get it done for the next meeting. (Could it be added to the May agenda please?)

I have written a separate report about the LTC progress since the last meeting.

In grateful service,

Tor

IRSC Literature Chair

Outreach report:**Contact details for Southern Area Outreach:**Outreach email: southernareaoutreach@gmail.com**Chairperson:** Carmel C**Vice-chairperson:** *Needed*

Outreach did not get out to any meetings this month. Carmel would be grateful if members available to carry out outreach would get in contact with her. Also, if any groups are struggling for support please get in touch.

Also, apologies to Annmarie H as last month's minutes of Southern Area indicated that she had received €25 as part of Outreach expenses. It was Thomas that supported the meeting in Aiséirí and was given €25 for expenses. The mistake was the SASC Secretary's alone. Apologies for any confusion caused.

Webmaster Report:

Just a reminder to members, let myself know of any changes are needed to NA meeting list to contact Paul N webmaster@nasouth.ie or 087 1386120.

Public Relations (PR) Report:**Southern Area PR Phone Number:** 085 866 4030**PR Email:** pr.nasouth@gmail.com**Chairperson:** Tasha F.**Vice-chairperson:** Larry H**Secretary:** Mark K**PR Committee Member:** Brian O'D**This month's activities in PR:**

1. Committee held on Wed 3rd May @ 5.30pm in Limerick. The time & date had been announced for this. I unexpectedly couldn't make the PR committee meeting at last minute, I emailed the committee member my apologies and they had the agenda for going ahead with the committee meeting.

Minutes from this meeting:

- Attendance: Mark K & Larry H
- Apologies: Tasha F & Brian O'D

- Report: Southern Area PR won't be doing a PR at the Waterford Convention so we move on from this.
 - The meeting in Cork is an H&I issue not PR we aim to meet key workers not addicts, member needs to contact H&I for support.
 - Next move we talked about media and we agreed it would be ok in tangent with an event.
 - We feel next move should be a local speaker event we have agreed to come up with a list of companies and societies to go into.
 - And in the Autumn look to doing event with college audience.
 - We can set time and day soon for next meeting
2. A phonecall came in from a staff member in Anchor Treatment Centre in Cork, looking for NA to organise someone from NA to collect residents as they are discharged and bring them to an NA meeting. Not sure this is an issue for PR committee to decide on so would like to bring it to the area meeting for discussion in AOB today.
3. Meeting running in Simon Community for about 10months, meeting is going well. It was approved as a PR meeting by the area chair at that time as there was no PR committee in place then. Current PR committee's consensus is that it is not a PR meeting but either H&I or Institutional Group meeting, guidance outside the PR committee was also sought on this to clarify the purpose PR & to find more information to support this meeting.
- The member in service of this meeting was notified of this by email, we gave contact details of H&I chair and emailed pdf of the Institutes Group Guide Handbook. The member running this meeting still feels this is a PR meeting & had some concerns on this issue. We are waiting for more information on this meetings format & purpose for clarity.
 - I ask this issue be added to the agenda for next month's area for discussion, as it was the area chair who approved it as being a PR meeting in the absence of a committee. During the coming month the PR committee will look to find more information on the format & purpose of this meeting.
 - Getting clarify around the meeting whether its PR, H&I or Institutional Group will just mean that knowing which committee the meeting is under means it can be properly supported by that committee. This is just a housekeeping, to bring clarity, support, understanding & structure. I ask that this be put on the agenda for next month's area meeting.
4. Expenses €25.00 to have 100 more of the business cards printed & I topped up the PR phone with €20.00 on 3rd May. *(It is very hard to hear people on the PR phone even when the volume is turned all the way up).* Total expenses today: €45.00
5. Next PR committee meeting on Wednesday 24th May @ 5.30pm in Limerick (This to be confirmed though) I will notify members when date & time is confirmed. All are welcome.

In loving Service, The Southern Area PR Committee.

Convention Report:**Contact details for Convention Committee**Email: waterfordconvention17@gmail.com**Executive Committee**

- A. Chairperson- John E
- B. Vice-Chairperson- Mark R
- C. Secretary- Thomas F
- D. Treasurer- Stephen B
- E. Vice-Treasurer- Jake K

Subcommittee Chairpersons

- A. Welcoming- Carmel
- B. Entertainment- Eric S
- C. Graphics- Keith F
- D. Fund-Raising- Timmy
- E. Merchandising- **Needed**

The committee last met on the 9th May.

All committee positions are now filled. Stephen B and Jake K have taken up positions of Treasurer and Vice-Treasurer.

The proposed beach meeting to be held on Friday night has been sanctioned by Waterford Council and will go ahead on Friday night. The committee have a contingency plan in place if the weather is unsuitable. The programme is almost complete and the committee have decided to promote certain parts of the weekend's programme but will not reveal all the speakers etc. over the weekend.

The committee has decided not to hold the PR workshop for professionals at the convention and would like to thank the PR committee for the offer to help.

The committee have decided to hold a social event on Saturday morning at Dunmore Activity Centre and this will be promoted on social media as tickets will need to be purchased. There is a maximum of 80 places available on the day for the event.

The committee are looking to secure any banners, table decorations etc. that are available from Area from previous conventions.

The committee will continue to promote the event on the SAC Facebook page. The committee is also due to meet with the hotel in the coming weeks to go through final arrangements for the convention. The hotel is now booked out.

List of other hotels up in Facebook group. Facebook group is closed but not secret so please request to join and feel free to add others who you know are in NA

Volunteers needed for registration and other activities please let us know if you are willing to do some service Waterfordconvention17@gmail.com

Next meeting is due to be held in Waterford on the **23rd May**.

Hospitals & Institutes (H&I) report:**Contact details for H&I**

H&I number: 087 - 459 2117

H&I email: hospitals.institutes.nasouth@gmail.com**Chairperson:** Patrick S**Vice-chairperson:** Joe E**Secretary:** *Needed***Limerick****Bruree Men's Unit,****Sec:** James F, Damien**Speakers:** Mark K, Derek B & Brian O'S.**Average Attendance:** 19**Group Report:** All going well, meeting and group are really going well. If people could please put it out at meetings that support is needed for this meetings to go ahead.**Expenses:** €55**Limerick Prison Women's Unit****Sec:** Aileen W. Tasha stood in Aileen on holiday.**Speakers:** Yvonne.**Average Attendance:** 0**Group Report:** The girls set up the meeting but nobody turned up, which is the first time this has happened. Hopefully going forward this won't happen again. Another member was due to go in but because of concerns over previous issues and after seeking guidance from, past and present H&I chairs, the ASR, Region delegate and Area Chairperson the majority of people I spoke to felt it would be best to arrange a different speaker as there were concerns that a clear NA message would not be carried. Thanks to Tasha and Yvonne stepping in.**Expenses:** €0**Limerick Prison Men's Unit****Sec:** Mark W**Speakers:****Average Attendance:****Group Report:** Still waiting for a date for induction for new members cleared sent email on Thursday to mark our person of contact regarding when it will go ahead still no reply back.**Expenses:** €0

Ceim Eile Men's Unit**Sec:** Eric**Speakers:** Connie Y**Average Attendance:** 9**Group Report:** Meeting is going well no issues.**Expenses:** €15**Ceim Eile Women's Unit****Sec:** Mellissa**Speakers:** Ciara D**Average Attendance:** 7**Group Report:** Meeting went really well no issues, going from strength group really appreciate the meeting.**Expenses:** €15**Cork Prison:** James O'M**Group report:** We have now sent hard copies of all information to the assistant Governor who has promised to process them as soon as is possible. Also spoke to Siobhan from Churchfield who will keep on top of this for us. Still no word back really nothing more we can do on this end.**St. Helens meeting****Sec:** Dara**Speakers:** Declan O'B**Average Attendance:** 10**Expenses:** €10**Group Report:** Meeting going well on Dara's end. Still looking for another person to take up the other position, could all GSR's please bring this back to their group.**Cara Lodge Meeting****Sec:** Dara, Ciaran**Speakers:****Average Attendance:****Group Report:** It was hoped we would have had two meetings these month in the lodge after a break for a while. These meetings did not go ahead due to a mix up with the meeting date, which is understandable as both secretaries are just starting in now. Also one had a family emergency which again cannot be helped. Hopefully back on track this month.**Expenses:** €0**Tabor Lodge Meeting****Sec:** Paul, Jamie stood in as Paul had an emergency.**Speakers:** Mark W, Declan**Average Attendance:** 15**Group Report:** Meeting went well, group really happy to hear NA message. Thanks to Jamie and lads stepping in on short notice.**Expenses:** €15

Farnanes

Sec: Michelle.

Speakers: Jennifer

Average Attendance: 32

Group Report: This meeting really needs support as Michelle is still struggling for people to carry the message to 30 new comers. Please contact me or Michelle if will to help.

Expenses: €0

Bruree Women's Unit

Sec: Tasha, Ashley,

Speakers: Yvonne, Jade M, Sarah O.

Average Attendance: 24

Group Report: 3 meetings this month. Aisling was away this month and somebody covered. Issues about the meeting were brought to the attention of the girls at the next meeting.

Below are the reports I received.

Meeting Report:

"Meeting went very well. After our meeting the residents expressed concerns about the last NA meeting that was held in the house for them, they told us that there was a secretary & 2 speakers but 1 of the speakers did not share on NA or drugs it was about sex & sex addiction, they felt it was a bit much & a bit graphic for them. We didn't get into a discussion with the girls about it we just said all we could do is pass on our report after the meeting".

"Gud Mornin Patrick I went to bruree with Tasha last nite, it's was a great meeting, after the meeting a couple of the girls approached us & was asking bout the girls that went out last month, & it seems that 1 of the girls that went out was sharing bout SA!!! The girls wer a bit disturbed bout it & felt really uncomfortable,I know if I was in that position I wud feel the same,the girls out there really appreciate the meetings & get a lot frm them, @ the end of the day it's about carrying the NA message not SA!!! I needed to get that off my chest Patrick @ the end of the day it's bout life r death, have a nice day".

"Hey P ... 2 women brought by person standing in, 1 NA member and the other who knows, SLA member I think .. this person went to Bruree with full knowledge of what protocol to follow but unfortunately she decided to have a SLA meeting and that's what she did (because she was secretary and so could do what she liked, her exact words) ... give me apologies in area my friend and apologies again to you"

H&I Area Report:

H&I is really struggling and in some areas it is genuinely at tipping point at the moment especially in Cork as members are not coming forward for service and secretaries are going well beyond their time commitments to their positions, also just to find people to do chairs in most places seems to be a struggle at the moment.

On what happened in Bruree, really don't believe we should tell people what to say, but this is Narcotics Anonymous and our program is what we are supposed to be bringing in to these places. Everybody goes of reservation with our programme sometimes but what happened was of the wall and upset residents who were debating if they wanted to come back to the meeting. These people

are the whole point of H&I and I would ask people to be mindful when choosing chairs, that people in treatment centres are in a vulnerable place and like us all have issues they might be facing for the first time, when asking people to go into places that a clear NA message will be carried.

Any guidance or suggestions would be welcomed and appreciated.

Finally more members both male and female asked to come forward to do service in all the treatment centres and to apply for clearance in Cork & Limerick Prison H&I meetings. 1-year clean time and contact Aileen, James O'M, or myself for the forms on 085 1615784.

Expenses:

Secretary's Expenses: € 110.00

H&I Literature Expenses: €

Total Overall Expenses for H&I: Total € 110.00

I also have 20 euro here for Damien that I just didn't get a chance to put into his account due to my exams. Apologies for this will do as soon as back.

Phone report:**Contact details for Southern Area Phone**

Southern Area Phone line number: 087 - 138 6120 (6pm - 9pm daily)

www.nasouth.ie

info@nasouth.ie

Chairperson: Dermot M

Vice-chairperson: Larry O S

Secretary: *Needed*

- 3 calls from members
- 6 calls from concerned person with 2 looking for number for Nar-Anon
- 1 calls from professional
- €20 in expenses

Fundraising and Events Report:**Contact details for Fundraising and Events**

Contact number: 085 - 2738422

www.nasouth.ieinfo@nasouth.ie

Chairperson: Timmy O C

Vice-chairperson: Jamie B

Secretary: *Needed*

The Fundraising and Events committee has organised a unity day to be held in Coachford, Co. Cork on 10th June 2017. The bus will be leaving Patrick's Quay at 12pm and returning at 10pm. The cost of the day is €30 which includes:

- the return bus fare,
- Kayaking/ activities
- BBQ
- Meetings
- Bonfire
- Fun and Fellowship

People also have the option of paying €20 for all the above but will have to make their way to and from the event. If a person only wishes to go to the BBQ the cost is €5 and the BBQ will begin at 6pm.

AREA GROUP MEETING REPORTS**CORK****Georges Quay Women's Group: (Mondays @ 6.30pm)**

- No report given.

Rutland Street Men's Group: (Mondays @ 7pm)**GSR:** Luca F**Ave. Attendance:** 10**Group Report:** Group going well**Donation:** €0**Schull- Living Clean By the Sea Group: (Mondays @ 8pm)**

- No report given.

Skibbereen Group: (Fridays @ 8pm)

- No report given.

Hillside Solas Group: (Mondays @ 8.15pm & Saturdays @ 8pm)

- No report given.

Eason's Hill Group: (Tuesdays @ 6.15pm)**GSR:** Needed**Ave. Attendance:** 7-9**Group Report:** Meeting needs new GSR.**Donation:** €20**Trinity Group: (Tuesdays @ 8.00pm)****GSR:** Justin P**Ave. Attendance:** 10-15**Group Report:** All positions are filled.**Donation:** €0**We Do Recover Group: (Wednesdays @ 1pm & Friday @ 8pm)****GSR:** Eddie M**Ave. Attendance:** 25**Group Report:** Group going well.**Donation:** €0**Churchfield Group: (Wednesdays @ 6.30pm and Sundays 12p)****GSR:** James O**Ave. Attendance:** 8**Group Report:** Quiet on Wednesday. Group going well, all positions filled.**Donation:** €20**Strength & Hope Group: (Wednesdays @ 8pm & Sunday 2pm)****GSR:** Dermot M**Ave. Attendance:** 30 Wednesday/ 15 Sunday**Group Report:** Meeting attendance is strong. Looking for a treasurer.**Donation:** €80**More Will Be Revealed Group, Ballincollig: (Thursdays @ 7pm)****GSR:** John F**Ave. Attendance:** 6**Group Report:** Group has been struggling for members lately. Not having trouble paying rent but could do with support**Donation:** €0**La Verna Group: (Thursdays @ 8.00pm) contact: laverna@nasouth.ie**

- No report given.

Fermoy Group: (Thursdays @ 8pm)

- No report given.

Eason's Hill (Fridays @ 11.30am)

- No report given.

Carrigaline Group: (Fridays @ 6pm)

- No report given.

Community Centre, Sawmill Street: (Sundays @ 8pm)

- No report given.

PoljaNA Group: (Sundays @ 10am)

- No report given.

KERRY

Freedom Group, Tralee: (Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays @ 8.00pm)**GSR:** Ger C**Ave. Attendance:** 11**Group Report:****Donation:** €0**Dingle Group, John Street: (Tuesdays @ 7:30pm & Fridays @ 8.30pm)**

- No report given.

Killarney Group, Rock Road: (Tuesdays & Saturdays @ 8pm)**GSR:** Dermot M**Ave. Attendance:** 3**Group Report:** Meeting really struggling. Support badly needed. Rent is up to date.**Donation:** €20**Listowel Group: (Tuesdays @ 8pm) contact: listowel@nasouth.ie**

- No report given.

Talbot Grove Group: (Sundays @ 8:00pm)

- No report given.

WATERFORD

St. John's Group, Waterford: (Mondays @ 6pm, Tuesdays @ 8pm, Thursdays @ 7pm, Fridays @ 8pm, Saturdays @ 1pm and Sundays @ 8pm).**GSR:** Carmel C**Ave. Attendance:** 15-20**Group Report:** Rent is paid. Going well.**Donation:** €18**The Manor NA Group, Waterford: (Wednesdays @ 8pm).**

- No report given.

LIMERICK

Limerick City Group: *(Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays @ 8.30pm in Social Services, with Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 11am, also Saturdays @ 1pm & Sundays @ 6.30pm in St. John's Parish Hall)*

GSR: Damian D

Ave. Attendance: 15 morning/25 evening

Group Report: All meeting going well and rent up to date.

Donation: €0

Abbeyfeale Group: *(Mondays @ 8pm)*

- No report given.

TIPPERARY

Nenagh Group: *(Mondays @ 8.00pm & Thursdays @ 8.30pm)*

- No report given.

Clonmel Group: *(Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays @ 8.30pm)*

GSR: Annmarie H

Ave. Attendance: 10

Group Report: All meeting going well and rent up to date. Positions filled.

Donation: €100

Aisieri, Cahir Group: *(Wednesdays @ 8.30pm)*

GSR: Annmarie H

Ave. Attendance: 15-20

Group Report: All meeting going well.

Donation: €100

CLARE

Ennis & Bushy Park Group: *(Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays @8.30pm in Ennis Friary with Fridays @ 8.30pm in Bushy Park) contact: ennisfriarygroup@nasouth.ie*

- No report given.

Ennistymon – Just For Today Group: *(Tuesdays @ 8pm & Saturdays @ 1pm)*

- No report given.

Shannon Group: *(Sundays & Wednesdays @ 8.30pm)*

- No report given.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Dermot M got a phone call from Anchor Treatment Centre asking whether we would be able to organise a lift for residents from the centre to meetings. It was decided that NA could not perform this task as it is outside the remit of our traditions. It was decided that we would provide the new NA cards with contact details for NA to the centre if residents wished to contact the NA phone.
- The issue of bank statements was raised again at this month's Area. As we are currently in the process of changing the signatories on the NA account we cannot get the statement sent out until this is completed. Also, we cannot change the address from YMCA to Rutland Street until the signatories are changed over. We are hoping to have this process sorted at next month's Area. We are currently waiting on confirmation from bank that signatories on account have changed.
- It was brought up that we are still currently paying rent in YMCA as we still have some furniture there and have not returned the keys. It was decided that we would leave the cupboards etc. after us and Jamie B would collect and drop back the keys to YMCA. Once the keys are dropped back we can then cancel the direct debit in the bank.
- It was brought up that developers are currently seeking planning permission to build apartments near Rutland Street. As such, there is a possibility that the building may close in the future. There was an open meeting of residents being held on Tuesday 16th of May so we are currently awaiting the outcome of the process.
- There was a discussion around expenses and some issues were raised regarding the amount and receipt of expenses. As the chairperson that issued the expenses was not in attendance we decided to hold of any questions until next month's Area.

Narcotics Anonymous Related Sites

World Service NA Site: www.na.org

Irish Regional NA Site: www.na-ireland.org

Southern Area NA Site: www.nasouth.ie

For those with Android or Apple devices 'NA Ireland' App is available for download in the PlayStore & the iTunes Store.

Next Southern Area Committee Meeting & AGM*(2nd Sunday of every month)*

Sunday, June 11th @ 3pm in South Parish Centre, Rutland Street, Cork City

Next Irish Regional Meeting:*(Last Sunday every second month - Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov.)*

Sunday May 28th @ 12pm at 14b Upper Kevin Street, Dublin 8